

ABSTRACT
WA-I-290
Price Farm
Cearfoss Vicinity
private

19th Century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Price Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Conoco Children's Camp

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER Cearfoss Pike (MD 58), the
Cearfoss-Mercersburg Road (West side of the Conococheague Creek)

CITY, TOWN

Northwest of Cearfoss

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTYRehabilitation center,
children's camp.

NAME

Hagerstown Union Rescue Mission, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 685

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21740**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Liber #: 504

Folio #: 59

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WA-I-290

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED < 50%

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm complex is located on the west side of the Conococheague Creek, along the Mercersburg (Pa.)-Cearfoss Road about one and a quarter mile northwest of Cearfoss and about one fourth mile south of the Maryland-Pennsylvania Line in Washington County. The house stands along the north side of the road and faces southwest. The barn is on the opposite side of the road and faces southeast.

The house is a two story, six bay wooden structure sheathed with German siding. A three bay, one story ell presumably of frame construction is attached to the northwest end of the building. The two northwestern bays of the front section appear to be of light frame construction, while the southeastern four bays display thick walls at the door and window jambs suggesting log construction beneath the sheathing.

Windows and doors are placed at random in the walls. In the southeast section they have late 19th century architraves with pointed top pieces. Upper story windows have six over six pane double hung sashes while those at the first story have single pane replacements. Only three windows are present at the second story of the front elevation. Doors are located in the first, third and fifth bays from the south corner of the house. The westernmost door architrave has a flat top piece.

A one story shed roofed porch extends along the southwest or front elevation and continues across the southeast end wall. It is supported by chamfered square posts with curved brackets.

The roof is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. Plain boxing finishes the eaves. Small brick chimneys with several courses of corbeling at their tops are located inside the gable ends and at the interior of the house, presumably at the jointure of the two sections.

A frame bank barn situated perpendicular to the road stands opposite the house. Other agricultural outbuildings are located nearby.

The buildings appear to be in good condition and stand on a farm containing 88.1 acres which is at present used by the Hagerstown Union Rescue Mission, Inc. as a rehabilitation center and children's day camp. The farm borders the Conococheague Creek where one of Washington County's stone arch bridges, a five arched structure, is located (WA-I-291).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This farm was purchased by Benjamin Price in 1789 from Col. Gerard Briscoe of Frederick County, Virginia (F/124). It descended through the Price family until 1834 when William Price sold the property to Christian Nighswander (HH/1166, PP/541). William Price was a prominent Hagerstown attorney who served as State Senator from Washington County. He later moved to Cumberland and then to Baltimore where he was elected to the legislature of 1862 and was appointed U.S. District Attorney by President Lincoln. William Price was the father of Bruce Price, a noted architect, and the grandfather of Emily Price Post etiquette specialist.

William Price's father was Col. Josiah Price who was also an attorney. He gained the title of colonel when he served in the military during the Whiskey Rebellion. An 1808 Map of Frederick and Washington Counties compiled by Charles Varle' depicts a dwelling on the site of this farm and indicates that it was owned by Jos. Price. The map, however shows the house as being on the south side of the road suggesting that it was a different building from the present structure or that the road has changed course. It should be noted that other houses shown on the 1808 map tend to be larger or somewhat grander than this house. It is impossible to suggest a construction date for the present house without further examination.

Possibly Colonel Josiah Price was the son of the Benjamin Price who acquired the property in 1789.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Varle, Charles, 1808 Map of Frederick and Washington Counties.

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 88.1 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Washington County Historical Sites Survey	June 1977
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street	791-3055
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Hagerstown	Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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FRANKLIN COUNTY
WASHINGTON COUNTY

STATELINE RD 163

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CONOCOCHEAQUE

CREEK

Run

WA-I-290
ADC of Alexandria, Inc., 1984

Mount Zion

KENT ESTATES

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CHURCH

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ROAD

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CEARFOSS

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H

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FAIRVIEW
ACRES

CONOCOCHEAQUE

CREEK

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GREENCASTLE

CEARFOSS

MAUGA

SALEM

BROADFORDING

MARTINS
CROSSROADS

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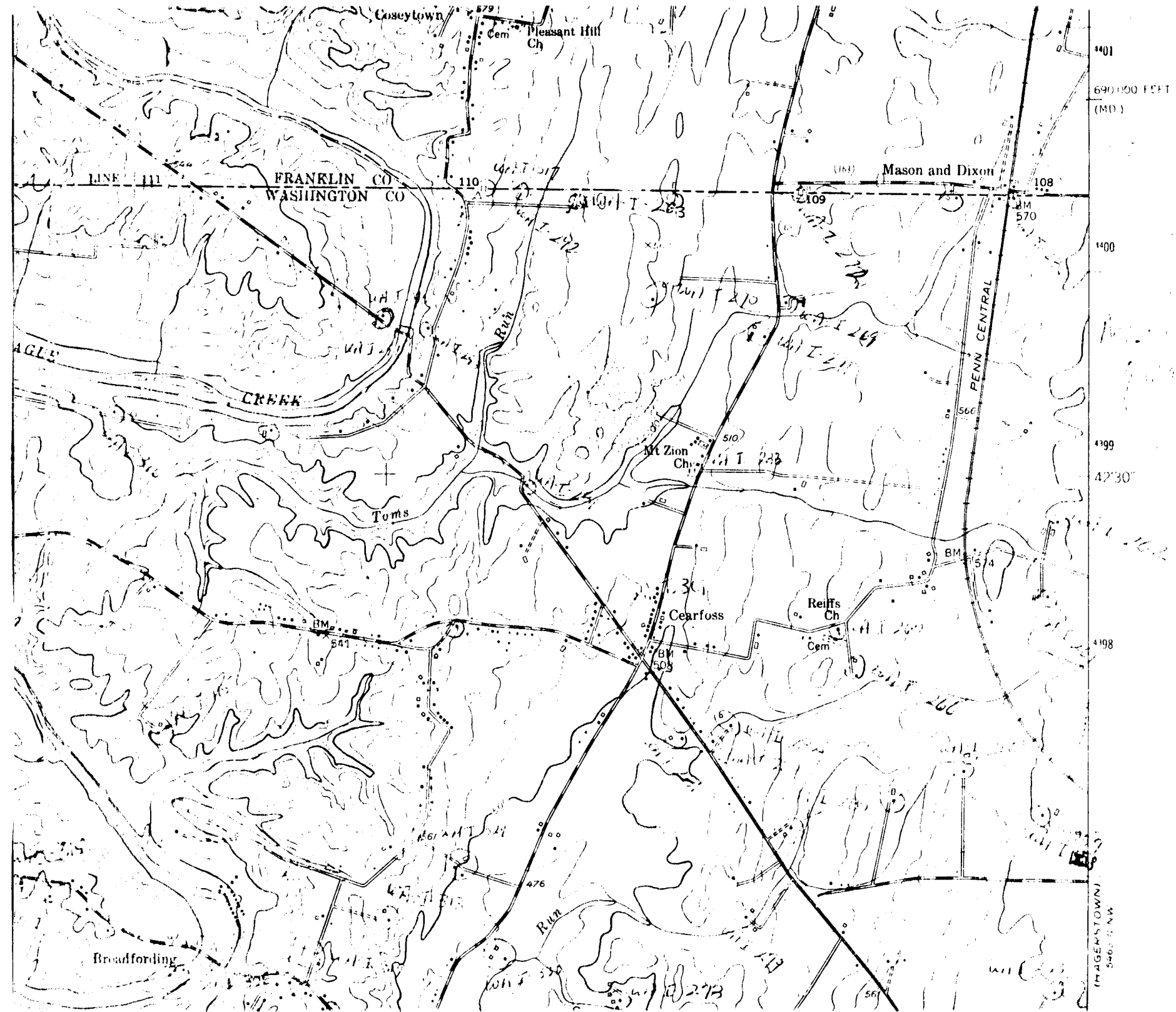
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CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



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